GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Multi-Role Helicopters
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian warships continue to operate on the high seas without critical multi-role helicopters that can detect and destroy enemy submarines;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has any plan to manufacture advanced helicopters for Navy in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a)to(d): Capital procurement requirements of the defence forces are reflected in the 15 year Long Term Integrated Perspective Plan (LTIPP). The procurement process is based on LTIPP (2012-27), five year Services Capital Acquisition Plan (SCAP) (2012-17) and Annual Acquisition Plan (AAP) (2014-16).
Sometimes mismatch between requirement and availability of helicopters with the Navy occurs, which is continuously addressed by the ongoing procurement process.
At present, Advance Light Helicopters (ALH) for the defence forces are being indigenously manufactured by M/s HAL.
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